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PASS TREASURY (FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, BR

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF BLOCKED VIETNAMESE FUNDS

REF: BRASILIA 4170

1. CHARGE OF FORMER VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN BRASILIA CALLED ON US THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT HE WAS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO GIVE US A BREAKDOWN OF THE COST FOR AN ORDERLY LIQUIDATION OF HIS EMBASSY. HE SAID THAT MANY OF THE RECORDS ARE STILL IN THE CHANCERY, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER SEAL SINCE SHORTLY AFTER THE DEFEAT. HE WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE CHANCERY UNTIL AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN FINALIZED WITH THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY, WHICH, AS NOTED REFTEL, WILL BE REPRESENTING NEW VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. CHARGE CONFIRMED THAT ALGERIAN EMBASSY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ASSUME OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF FORMER VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, BUT WILL START ASSUMING NEW OBLIGATIONS ON DAY PROPERTIES TURNED OVER.

2. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS, VIETNAMESE CHARGE HAS PROPOSED THAT TREASURY CONSIDER RELEASING BALANCE IN VIETNAMSE EMBASSY'S DOLLAR ACCOUNT WITH FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK TO THIS EMBASSY AND WE, IN TURN, WOULD TURN UNCLASSIFIED

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OVER FUNDS UPON PRESENTATION OF APPROPRIATE BILLS

OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION. THE EXACT MECHANICS ARE NOT CLEAR
BUT PRESUMABLY THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. CHARGE
CLAIMED THAT A SIMILAR SYSTEM HAS BEEN ADOPTED IN
WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.

3. THIS EMBASSY WOULD RATHER NOT REPEAT NOT GET
INVOLVED IN THIS TYPE OF CUMBERSOME DISBURSEMENT
PROCEDURE. WE PLAN, THEREFORE, TO SEEK THE ASSIST-
ANCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN HELPING CHARGE ENTER
THE CHANCERY AND OBTAIN ALL OF HIS RECORDS WHICH
WOULD ALLOW HIM TO EUTIMATE LIQUIDATING COSTS.
UPON PRESENTATION OF THIS COST BREAKDOWN, WE PLAN TO
MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO TREASURY FOR RELEASE OF
FUNDS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE WASHINGTON MAY HAVE
ON OUR SUGGESTED HANDLING OF PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY VIETNAMESE
CHARGE. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY BY MAY 30 SINCE
CHARGE IS SCHEUDLED TO CALL ON US THAT DAY.

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